GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:3
ANSWERED ON:18.02.2003
TALKS WITH NSCN (IM)
RAM CHANDRA DOME;SRINIVASULU KALAVA

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details and outcome of peace talks recently held between Naga leaders and the Union Government to resolve the Naga insurgency problem;

(b) the reaction of the Centre on reorganising boundaries in the North-East on the basis of cultural and linguistic demarcations and the demand of greater Nagaland;

(c) the reaction of other neighbouring States in regard to their demand;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to settle the issue with such States; and

(e) the time by which the next round of talks is likely to be held?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.3 FOR 18-02-2003 BY SHRI KA SRINIVASULU & DR. RAM CHANDRA DOME, MPs REGARDING TALKS WITH NSCN(IM)

(a) to (e): Peace Talks were held during the month of January 2003 between the representatives of the Government of India and the NSCN(IM). During the discussions, NSCN(IM) raised among other issues, their demands relating to the distinct identity of the Nagas and their stand on unification of Naga areas. There was an agreement to continue the formal talks until a lasting settlement is reached. Meanwhile, both sides reaffirmed the need for a peaceful, violence-free environment.

Chief Ministers of Assam, Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh have expressed their apprehension regarding the demand of unification of Naga areas. Government of India has, from time to time, reiterated its stand that the territorial integrity of other North Eastern States will not be disturbed. No time frame has been fixed for the next round of talks.